

***Update*-Troopers Investigating Serious Crash on Flatiron Road-Harrington**

Harrington- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal crash involving a single vehicle that occurred last evening.

The crash occurred on July 31, 2020, at approximately 6:36 p.m., when a 1996 Ford Explorer was traveling eastbound on Flatiron Road towards Hammondtown Road. For unknown reasons the vehicle exited the roadway where it continued to travel in a shallow, grassy swale. After exiting the roadway, the vehicle overturned ejecting both the operator and the passenger.

The operator, 34-year-old **Frederick Wildt** of Ellendale, DE, (no photo available) was not properly restrained. He was transported to the Sussex Bayhealth Hospital where he was treated and released with non-life threatening injuries. Wildt displayed signs of impairment and a DUI investigation ensued. Wildt was transported back to Troop 3 where he was charged with the following:

- Vehicular Homicide Second Degree Driving Under the Influence (Felony)
- Driving a Vehicle Under the Influence of Alcohol
- Failed to remain within a single lane
- Driver must wear properly adjusted and fastened seatbelt
- Driver of MV Shall Properly Secure all Passengers 16 yrs or older with Seatbelts

Wildt was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court and committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution on \$10250.00 secured bond.

The passenger, a 69-year-old male from Denton, MD, was not properly restrained. He was pronounced deceased at the scene. His name is being withheld at this time pending the notification of next of kin.

The roadway was closed for approximately 4.5 hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

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